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For: A FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION AND MATERIAL RESOURCE PLANNING  
SYSTEM USING SALES INFORMATION DIRECTLY ACQUIRED FROM  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
**BOX Patent Application**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Continuation Application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 08/650,054, filed on May 16, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,854,746, which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/422,976, filed May 17, 1995 (abandoned), which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/692,425 filed April 29, 1991 (abandoned) in the U.S. Patent Office by Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al., entitled "A FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION AND MATERIAL RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM USING SALES INFORMATION DIRECTLY ACQUIRED FROM POS TERMINALS."

A full copy of the prior application serial No. 08/650,054 as originally filed in the U.S. Patent Office on May 16, 1996 and declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed herewith.

The following information is furnished pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53:

1. Title as originally filed and as last amended: "A FLEXIBLE PRODUCTION AND MATERIAL RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM USING SALES INFORMATION DIRECTLY ACQUIRED FROM POS TERMINALS".

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5. A true copy of the Power of Attorney originally filed in the prior application is enclosed herein.

6. The entire disclosure of the prior application 08/650,054 from which a copy of the Declaration is supplied herewith, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

7. Please amend the specification at page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", to insert:

a/ **---This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/650,054 filed on May 16, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,854,746, which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/422,976, filed May 17, 1995 (abandoned), which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/692,425 filed April 29, 1991 (abandoned).---**

8. The prior application is assigned to Kanebo, Ltd., which Assignment is recorded at Reel 5780, Frame 0456 and 0457.

9. New formal drawings are enclosed.

10. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(e) of the following foreign application numbers:

2-112274	Filed on April 28, 1990	in JAPAN
2-257845	Filed on September 26, 1990	in JAPAN
2-326996	Filed on November 27, 1990	in JAPAN

The certified copies of the foreign priority applications were filed in prior application number 08/650,054.

11. Please enter the attached Preliminary Amendment before calculation of the filing fee and before examination on the merits of this application.

12. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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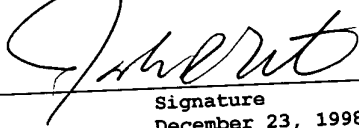
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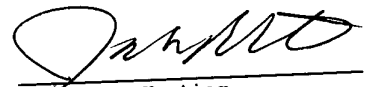


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